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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ALLEGES AMBASSADOR FINANCIALLY AIDING CISL
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REF: ROME'S 13026, A-594 AND 12719

1. THE SEPTEMBER 26 ISSUE OF THE LEFT-LEANING NEWS WEEKLY
/PANORAMA/ HAS AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "FANFANI LIKE VOLPE."
AFTER DESCRIBING THE DC SECRETARY'S CONCERNS ABOUT EXTERNAL
DEVELOPMENTS LEADING HIM TO ADVOCATE THE REINVIGORATION OF
ITALY'S ATLANTIC POSTURE AND TO REINFORCE THE DC'S ANTI-CO-
MMUNISM, EVEN TO THE POINT OF BRINGING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT AND
FORCING NEW ELECTIONS, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: FOR THE DC LEFT, THESE THOUGHTS ARE IDENTICAL
WITH THOSE EXPRESSED ('WITH THE ROUGHNESS OF A PROCONSUL')
BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ITALY, JOHN VOLPE. THE POSITIONS
OF FANFANI AND VOLPE ALSO COINCIDE WITH RESPECT TO LABOR
UNITY, AND IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO THE HYPOTHESIS OF A
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SPLIT IN CISL. VOLPE, ACCORDING TO CISL CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WHO

FAVOR LABOR UNITY, IS WILLING TO FINANCE THE RIGHT WING OF VITO SCALIA WITH 15 BILLION/PRESUMABLY LIRE/. FANFANI, IN A CONVERSATION WITH CISL SECRETARY GENERAL BRUNO STORTI ON MAY 12, AVOIDED COMMITTING HIMSELF AGAINST SCALIA AND HIS GROUP. THE DC WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE SCALIA, FANFANI SAID ON THAT OCCASION, BUT WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO PREVENT SUCH ENCOURAGEMENT FROM 'FRIENDS OF THE PARTY ON THEIR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ('AMICI DEL PARTITO A TITOLO PERSONALE')." END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THIS SCURRILOUS PIECE (UNSIGNED) FOLLOWS ON THE HEELS OF AN ARTICLE IN /PANORAMA'S/ PREVIOUS EDITION WHICH ACCUSED AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS IRVING BROWN AND HOWARD MOLISANI OF FOMENTING LABOR SCHISM IN ITALY ON BEHALF OF THE CIA. BEAUDRY

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